



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 969

LCO No. 3447

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF ANY FINDING OF DEFICIENCY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH RELATING TO A HOSPITAL'S COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES AND REGULATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) In the event that the
2 Department of Public Health makes any finding of deficiency relating
3 to a hospital's compliance with the provisions of chapter 368v of the
4 general statutes, the Public Health Code or the department's licensing
5 regulations, and the hospital disputes the department's medical,
6 scientific or evidence-based grounds for the finding of deficiency, the
7 hospital may request that there be an independent review of the
8 finding. The department and the hospital requesting an independent
9 review shall jointly select an individual or entity to undertake an
10 independent review of any disputed finding of deficiency. The
11 individual or entity conducting the independent review shall be
12 competent in medical reviews, peer review processes or shall possess
13 other expert abilities that are germane to the delivery of health care
14 services in a hospital setting. The hospital shall bear the entire cost of
15 the independent review.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide for an independent, expert review of any medical, scientific or evidenced-based finding of deficiency by the Department of Public Health concerning the delivery of health care services by a hospital.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]